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Alert System

Sign up for the City's NEW Emergency Alert System by going to the City's website below at:

<https://blanchardok.pt7.civic-cms.com/.../pa.../emergency-alerts>

Bid Notice

The City of Blanchard is now taking sealed bids for the following project:

- Concrete Paving Repairs for various concrete streets. Bids are due on **June 10th**.

The Notices and Bid Packets are located on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

Elections



ALL Elections in McClain County are rescheduled for **Tuesday, June 30th**.

EMPLOYMENT Opportunities

The City of Blanchard is accepting applications for:

- Full part-time employee to operate the Citizen Collection Center, **Monday - Friday** from **3:30pm to 6pm** and **Saturdays** from **8am to 12 Noon**; and
- Full-time Utility Billing Clerk from **Monday - Friday**, **8am to 5pm**.
- Full part-time employee to cook meals, prepare dining at the Senior Citizen Center, **Monday - Friday** from **8:00pm to 12 Noon**;

Applications will be taken until filled and can be found on the city's website at www.cityofblanchard.us.

The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Events Calendar

MAY

Monday ~ May 25th:

MEMORIAL DAY

Facebook Page

The City's Facebook Page is down and our access has been blocked.

May Daze Festival

The 27th annual May Daze Festival will be **Friday, June 12th, Saturday, June**



13th and Sunday, June 14th.

General vendor booths and non-profit booths are

available. Please call the Chamber office at 485.8787 for more information.

Meeting Calendar

MAY

26th ~ City Council (Virtual)

26th ~ BMIA (Virtual)

Memorial Day

The custom of honoring our ancestors by cleaning cemeteries and decorating graves is an ancient and worldwide tradition, but the specific origin of Memorial Day, or Decoration Day as it was first known, are unclear.

In early rural America, this duty was usually performed in late summer and was an occasion for family reunions and picnics.

After the Civil War, America's need for a secular, patriotic ceremony to honor our military dead became prominent, as monuments to fallen soldiers were erected and dedicated, and ceremonies centering on the decorations of soldier's graves were

held in cities and towns thru-out the nation.

No less than 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, and for many years, states observed the holiday on different dates. However, by federal law, Memorial Day is now celebrated on the last Monday in May which will be **Monday, May 25th.**



City offices will be closed **Monday, May 25th** in observance of Memorial Day. If you have a police or fire emergency, please call 911.

If you have a water or sewer emergency, please call 485.9391.

Trash services will run as usual.

Oil 'n Gas Permits

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission (OCC) reported NO permits for oil and gas drilling were issued within the City limits of Blanchard this week.

The OCC is the only state agency that issues permits for oil and gas drilling.

On the BMIA Agenda

The BMIA Board of Trustees will conduct a virtual meeting for their May meeting on Tuesday, May 26th beginning at 6:00 p.m. They will discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following items:

- Change Order No. 1 for extension of

water line serving the new Fire Station.

- Special Meeting on June 9th to review and approve new FY2021 Budget.
- Acceptance of easements for waterline extension serving Hidden View Estates.
- Consent Agenda.

The full agenda with backup is available on the City's website at www.cityofblanchard.us. The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 23rd.

On the City Agenda

The Blanchard City Council will conduct a virtual meeting for their May meeting on Tuesday, May 26th beginning at 6:00 p.m. They will discuss, consider and take appropriate action on the following items:

- Suspension of Rules.
- Grady County Jail Agreement.
- Delta Public Transit Agreement.
- Crawford & Assoc Financial Agreement.
- Bid Rejection for Park Bathrooms.
- Special Event Permit Applications.
- Resolution calling for a street lite (Eagle Lake Drive & Morgan Rd).
- Call for Special Meeting on Tuesday, June 9th.
- Judge Appointment.
- Pictometry Imagery Fly-overs of McClain County.
- Veterans Memorial.
- Appointments to Boards, Commissions, Trusts.
- ODOT Funding Request for signalization.
- Oil and Gas Activity.

- DEQ Application for water line extension.
- Handicapped Parking on Harrison Avenue.
- Consent Agenda.

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Police Blotter

Jail activity for April:

- 5/9** - KILLIAN, Beverly arrested for DUI by Sergeant Eaton;
- 5/17** - HOFFMAN, Candace arrested for DUI by Sergeant Eaton;
- 5/19** - ROGERS, Randall arrested for Possession of Firearm after Felony Conviction by Sergeant Haines;
- 5/19** - VANCE, Jeremy arrested on Warrants by Officer Adams.

Proclamation

The Mayor issued the following Proclamation:

Whereas, Memorial Day each year serves as a solemn reminder of the scourge of war and its bitter aftermath of sorrow; and

Whereas, this day has traditionally been devoted to paying homage to loved ones who lie in hallowed graves throughout the land, having sacrificed their lives that war might end; and

Whereas, in tribute to these silent dead, it is fitting that we lift up our voices together in supplication to Almighty God for wisdom in our search for enduring peace; and

Whereas, Congress, in a joint resolution approved May 11, 1950, provided that Memorial Day should be set aside as a day of prayer for permanent peace; and

Whereas, today, and every day, let us remember the servicemen and women we have lost and let us honor them by rededicating ourselves to strengthening our Nation's promise, "with love, grace and reflection, let us honor our fallen fellow Americans, known and unknown, who sacrificed their freedom to ensure our own"; and

Now Therefore, I, Eddie Odle, serving as Mayor of the City of Blanchard, Oklahoma, do hereby proclaim **Memorial Day, Monday, May 25th**, as 'Day of Prayer' in Blanchard, in commemoration, we urge all citizens to join together in their homes, places of work and places of worship to pray for the permanent peace and to continue to pray for our city, our state and our nation.

Senior Dining Program



SENIORS

ONLY to our citizens.

The Blanchard Senior Nutrition Center is **CLOSED** to the general public but we prepare meals for home delivery

LUNCH MENU

(May 25th ~ May 29th)

Monday ~ Center Closed.

Tuesday ~ Sausage Gravy, Egg, Biscuit, Dessert.

Wednesday ~ Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert.

Thursday ~ Navy Beans, Beets, Spinach, Cornbread, Dessert.

Friday ~ Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots, Baked Beans, Bun, Dessert.

If you are 60 or older, you are eligible to participate free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$2.00 is requested. Citizens under the age of 60 may participate but are required to pay \$5.00 for the meal.

Please call 485-9260, if you would like to be considered for a home delivered meal. Please be advised, the home delivery will begin the next business day. The Center is currently delivering approximately fifty (50) lunches daily.

Shelter Registration



The Blanchard Emergency Management would like to take this opportunity to remind

everyone that severe storm season is fast approaching. We want to express how important it is for everyone to register their home's storm shelters and safe rooms. The City of Blanchard storm shelter registry provides emergency services with information that allows them to locate citizens after a tornado or other natural disaster. Registration helps ensure that people in shelters affected by the storm are able to get help quickly with the potential of shelters' exits being blocked due to debris or structural damage. Registration is doubly important with the possibility of shelters flooding due to broken water

lines or simply rain waters entering the shelter and drowning people trapped inside. Registration forms include your address, list of persons who would normally be present at the home and could potentially be in the shelter, the location of the shelter/safe room on the property, and contact information for yourself and an emergency contact. If you have previously registered and some part of your information has changed, feel free to submit an updated form. If you have a question as to if your shelter is registered please contact the Emergency Management Director/Fire Chief Charlie Largent at the Blanchard Fire Department at 405.485.3939.

Registration forms available at Blanchard City Hall. Please return all registrations to the Blanchard City Hall, 122 North Main Street, Blanchard, OK 73010.

Splash Pad

Is now open! The water park is located in Lions Park on 7th Street west of Main Street.

Think, Shop, Live Blanchard!

Please keep in mind that Blanchard's quality of life and local economy rely on where residents spend their money and do their shopping. Sales tax is a direct and vital lifeline to essential services like public safety (Police, Fire, 911), parks and infrastructure. Shopping locally keeps businesses here in Blanchard, providing jobs and benefiting community schools and non-

profits. If there's one thing we can all do to make our dollars work for this community, it's to shop local! Grab dinner in Blanchard on your way home. You'd be surprised what a difference that can make. Shopping locally benefits the entire community. Make your tax dollars work for you and your community.



2020 CENSUS - BE COUNTED!

Let's help get Blanchard and Oklahoma rockin' on the 2020 Census. By clicking this link and filling out the 2020 Census that will help Blanchard in so many ways. New streets, new roads, water lines, sewer lines, building/building renovations, it will also help the schools, fire department, police department, medical clinics, it will also help influence future funding for pell grants, health care, housing, transportation, and other important education and community services.

It's just a click away...all it takes is just a few minutes.

By not getting everyone counted means less money or no money for Blanchard and the state.

Let's help make OKLAHOMA - and your communities and districts ROCK in the 2020 Census, so LET'S GET COUNTED!

BE COUNTED! It's easy! It's safe! It's important! For the first time ever, the Census Bureau accept responses on-line, but you can still respond by phone or mail.